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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12/14/59

WEATHER Mild weather prevailed during the week, with only minor temperature changes. There was considerable cloudiness, and winds were generally light. A little light rain fell over the extreme eastern portion of the State during the middle and latter parts of the week, but there was no precipitation elsewhere.

CROPS Corn picking is finished in many counties, although a few local sections still had around 10 to 20 percent of the acreage left. Gleaning operations continue, especially in the central counties. Reports indicate only about 3 percent of the State corn crop remained for harvest. High moisture corn has been holding back harvest in some southeast counties. Artificial drying of harvested corn still continues in some places despite good harvesting weather. Late planted or replanted corn has been slow in maturing and in reaching safe storage levels for moisture content.

Mild weather last week was favorable for farm work. Operators were busy with repairs, fencing, and hauling hay and feed. Plowing and discing corn fields was common, though unusual for this season of the year.

Winter grain crops maintained their condition, although dry weather persisted over the State. Fortunately, winds were light and temperatures moderate, as some of the winter grain acreage is vulnerable to damage because of dry surface soil conditions. Moisture would be welcome in much of the State, and snow cover would be beneficial where damage from soil blowing and exposure is a threat.

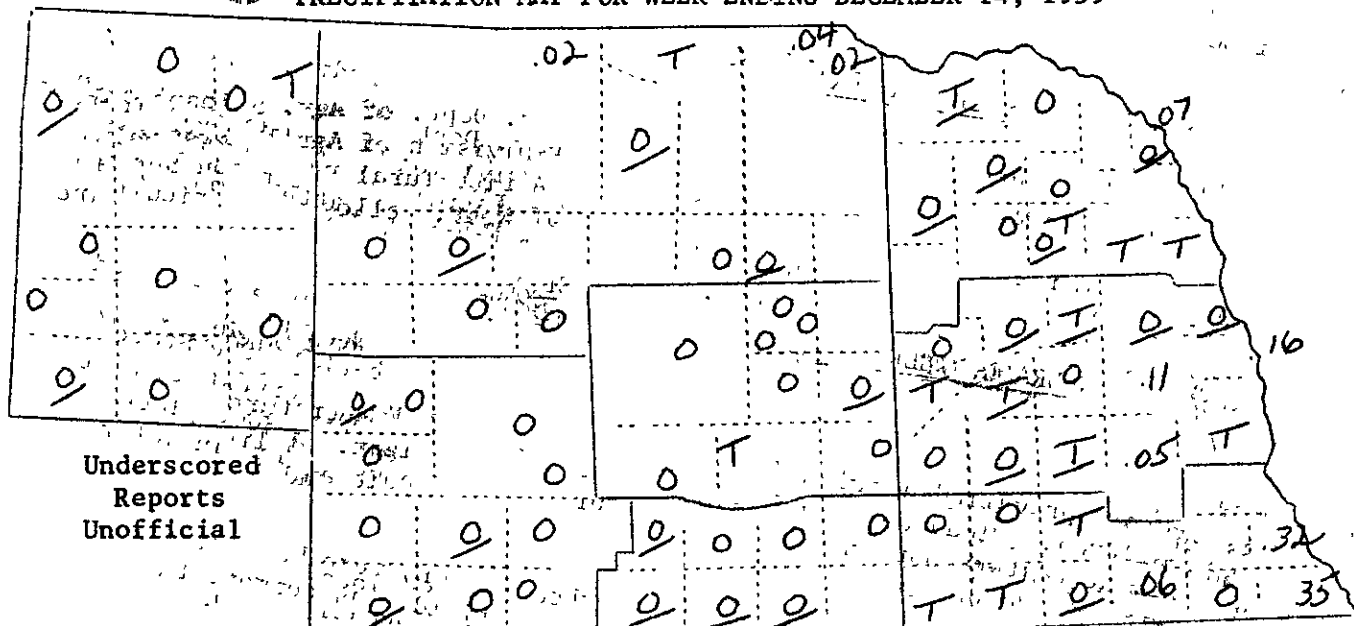
Pastures and ranges were open over the entire State, providing feed for livestock. A few local areas in the northern part of the State have short range and pasture feed supplies and some stockmen anticipate a shortage of hay if winter weather is severe. Harvested corn and milo fields have a plentiful roughage supply.

LIVESTOCK The weather was favorable for livestock. Cattle are making good gains in corn stalk fields and in the feed lots. Demand continues fairly strong for feeder cattle, especially in wind damaged areas where corn fields have a considerable quantity of ear corn on the ground. Milk and egg production rates are above average for this time of the year.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 14, 1959

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	0
Lincoln	.06	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.13			Sidney	0
Sioux City	0				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 14, 1959



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		December 8th		9th		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	47	26	47	12	43	18	43	25	50	47	51	32	48	21
	Scottsbluff	60	20	50	14	46	17	46	19	49	26	50	25	45	22
	Sidney	63	19	47	9	56	20	53	28	50	22	49	19	42	23
NC	Burwell	58	18	49	13	52	19	54	20	50	16	52	--	--	--
	Valentine	51	21	47	16	47	16	50	24	49	22	50	22	45	24
NE	Norfolk	52	24	48	17	52	20	53	27	43	21	49	18	47	33
	Sioux City	50	25	48	22	47	29	48	30	40	23	39	22	46	34
Cen	Grand Island	59	20	51	23	51	23	50	29	49	20	54	22	50	33
EC	Lincoln	59	30	49	29	53	36	45	39	45	28	51	25	52	39
	Omaha	45	26	46	23	50	32	48	35	40	24	42	26	44	35
SW	Imperial	65	23	50	15	52	15	47	31	53	24	52	21	44	24
	North Platte	53	29	48	17	48	15	52	28	54	20	54	16	47	27

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